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SUBJECT: CASTRO VISITS COMMUNIST AREAS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE

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1. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION DIRECTED TO REF WHICH TRANSMITS TEXT OF SO-CALLED PRG FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ON CASTRO VISIT TO VIET CONG-CONTROLLED AREA OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. RANKING VIET CONG FIGURE PRESENT WAS DEFENSE MINISTER "TRAN NAM TRUNG" (AN ALIAS; TRUE IDENTITY NOT KNOWN BUT WRITINGS IN PAST HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH NVA GENERALS HOANG VAN THAI AND TRAN DO).

2. CASTRO VISIT, SEEN AS PART CONCERTED AND CONTINUING COMMUNIST EFFORT TO BUTTRESS "PRG" IMAGE INTERNATIONALLY, IS FIRST VISIT BY FOREIGN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM. VISIT ALSO CONSISTENT WITH CUBA'S APPARENT DESIRE TO LEAD VANGUARD OF COMMUNIST STATES WITH RESPECT TO RELATIONS WITH VIET CONG. (CUBA WAS THE ONLY NATION TO HAVE ENVOY PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO "NLF" AUTHORITIES ON SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOIL, THIS ON MARCH 17, 1969, BEFORE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CREATION OF THE "PRG". CUBA ALSO AMONG FIRST COUNTRIES TO

RECOGNIZE "PRG".)

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